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### **Expanding Student Loan Outreach: 4/18/2023**

The South Carolina Student Loan Corporation partners with libraries to help staff know more about the SC Student Loan program so they may guide patrons when looking for ways to pay for college.

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### **Create a Winning Proposal: 4/19/2023**

Get motivated to apply for a grant for your non-profit organization by learning proposal fundamentals, including key components to include and what funders want to know about your project. The session also covers what to do after winning a grant.

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## Library Basics: 5/2/2023

Join us in the Lowcountry for a full day of basic library skills and knowledge. Our experienced State Library consultants will review customer service, reference interactions, collection maintenance, and storytime skills.

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## It's Almost Here!

After months of planning, we are ready to welcome close to two thousand students and educators to downtown Columbia for the Read-In. Miss USA Morgan Romano will help the South Carolina State University drum line lead the parade from the State Library to the State House. The north steps will be packed for our literacy celebration as special guests help us show why “Kids Who Read Succeed.” We will live-stream the event on [readsc.org](http://readsc.org) and social media. Follow the hashtag #SCReadIn2023 and join the fun.



## Youth Mental Health First Aid

Build skills and confidence to reach out to struggling adolescents and connect them to the appropriate support. This workshop details ways to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges. Its blended approach offers a shortened class day with a pre-work assignment. Interested youth services public library staff [should visit our website](#) to find the two registrations necessary for attendance.



## Field Trip to ImaginOn

Meet us in Charlotte for a guided tour of the children's and teen departments at ImaginOn, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library's main library that also houses the Children's Theatre of Charlotte. After the Q & A session, enjoy a production of “Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus,” featuring a behind-the-scenes look at how the theatre's education department selects books for shows, educational tie-ins, and teaching resources. The State Library will provide tickets. Lunch is on your own. [Register soon](#); space is limited.



While some state documents contain hundreds of pages, others are short and simple, like this one-page document from DHEC's "[Don't Waste Food SC](#)" campaign. With tomato season approaching, "[Tasty Tomatoes: Use 'Em, Don't Lose 'Em](#)" shows how to utilize tomatoes no matter their ripeness. The document also details ways to store and preserve tomatoes until you can use them. The vibrant colors and sharp images make it our choice for the February 2023 featured state document. Find the [complete list](#) of new electronic South Carolina state documents in the [South Carolina Digital State Documents Depository](#).

## Employee Spotlight

Naomi Brady is in her 34th year serving South Carolina State Library's Talking Book Services patrons. During that time, she has seen the name changed from the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to Talking Book Services. She has been through two building moves and seen the audio players go from records and cassettes to digital downloads. Through it all, her favorite part of the job has always been getting to know the patrons. Naomi enjoys hearing stories about how audiobooks help people overcome loneliness or depression and offer them a new way to read. According to Naomi, "It's great to work where people love what you do for them."



## Through Her Eyes

Take a visual journey through South Carolina from the comfort of our lobby.



## Know Your Rights

South Carolina's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) is for journalists and citizens

Brigadier General Marie Goff, U.S. Army Retired, completed over 37 years of military service in the United States Army and the South Carolina National Guard. After leaving the military, she combined her passion for photography with her love of travel and started [a travel blog](#). General Goff shares some of her most treasured images of South Carolina in an exhibit in our lobby at 1500 Senate Street in Columbia. Make plans to stop by for a look and join us for a program featuring General Goff on the evening of May 11.

alike. Join us for a series of workshops dedicated to teaching you the ins and outs of FOIA. [On April 27](#), award-winning South Carolina journalist Paul Bowers explains how he uses FOIA in reporting and practical steps for you to use it to stay informed. Media law expert Jay Bender breaks down the legalese [on May 4](#), explaining your information rights as citizens and how “sunshine” laws like SC’s FOIA keep communication open between local government, media, and the public. Leaders from the South Carolina Press Association join us [on May 12](#) for an in-depth conversation about how FOIA affects the news you hear daily.

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